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HOT LIST

THEATER

'Elektra' at Getty Villa

A new translation of Sophocles' "Elektra" springs to life on the Getty Villa's outdoor stage. Starring Tyrees Allen and Olympia Dukakis, the spare and modern interpretation tells the tragic tale of willful memory, vengeance and the damage that happens to someone who refuses to forget. Getty Villa Barbara and Lawrence Fleischman Theater, 17985 Pacific Coast Highway, Pacific Palisades. 8 p.m. Thu.-Sat. Ends Oct. 2. $42, (310) 440-7300. *www.getty.edu.*

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POP MUSIC

Sharp Scissors

Wielding kitsch and camp like two disco-glam boxing gloves, the New York City-based **Scissor Sisters** are set to take Hollywood by storm in the wake of their long-awaited third album, "Night Work." Electroclash pioneers Fischerspooner and DJ Sammy Jo will open. Hollywood Palladium, 6215 Sunset Blvd., L.A. 8 p.m. Sat. $48.20. (323) 962-7600. *www.livenation.com.*

BOOKS

Reference points with Joshua Mohr and Grace Krilanovich

There are echoes of various canonical novels in the new works by Joshua Mohr and Grace Krilanovich (a Times staff writer). Mohr's "Termite Parade" is rooted in the psychological drama of "Crime and Punishment" that springs from a single, defining act of desperation. Krilanovich's "The Orange Eats Creeps" is a brooding, brash tale of vampires set in the Pacific Northwest — ask any teenager to find a corollary there in pop culture. But each is imbued with raw nerves, kinetic prose and cutting glimpses of the human heart that could make each a reference point of its own. They'll read from each here. Skylight Books, 1818 N. Vermont Ave., L.A. 7:30 p.m. Thu. Free. *www.skylightbooks.com.*

EVENTS

HempCon exposition unites medical marijuana proponents

Amid the controversy surrounding medical marijuana, pot dispensaries and Proposition 19 (which would legalize possession in California), HempCon rolls into town. The medical-marijuana show features exhibits and seminars by dispensaries, equipment providers, legal services, advocates and others, as well as music and entertainment. No one younger than 18 admitted. Los Angeles Convention Center, 1201 S. Figueroa St., L.A. 2 p.m.-9 p.m. Fri., 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sat., 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sun. $15. (626) 961-6522. *www.hempcon.com.*

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BOOKS

Dishing with James Ellroy

Bestselling crime-fiction novelist James Ellroy ("L.A. Confidential," "The Black Dahlia") will be at Vroman's to discuss and sign his latest nonfiction work, "The Hilliker Curse." Unraveling pieces of his own psyche and personal history, this candid memoir delves into the author's personal experience in relationships. Vroman's Bookstore, 695 E. Colorado Blvd. 7 p.m. Thu. Free. (626) 744-1834. *www.vromansbookstore.com.*

BOOKS

Cyperpunk prophet returns

In "Zero History," William Gibson's hero Hollis Henry finds herself yet again under the employ of industrial magnate Hubertus Bigend, on this occasion to track down a mysterious clothing designer. But this seemingly low-stakes project has more sinister motives that unravel with Gibson's airtight storytelling. Vroman's, 695 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena. 5 p.m. Sun. Free. *www.vromansbookstore.com.*

EVENTS

Monsters revving up in Pomona

The Monster Truck Madness rally at the L.A. County Fair really doesn't need much more of an explanation — there will be trucks, they will be approximately the size of monsters, and they will elicit delighted madness from fans of diesel fumes and crunching metal and comically aggressive names for vehicles. L.A. County Fair at the Pomona Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona. 7:30 p.m. Thu. $18.50-$22.50. *www.lacountyfair.com.*

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The Hot List is your tipsheet for the best food, shopping and entertainment in SoCal. Check it for details about Walking With Dinosaurs at Staples Center, new restaurant Xino, our weekend top 10 events, club listings and more.

LIGHTS. VEGAS ACTION. ADVERTISING SUPPLEMENT

Concerts and comedy reign in Vegas

There's no shortage of entertainment in Sin City this weekend. Why not have a few laughs or enjoy one of this weekend's excellent concerts?

Shows

"Jubilee!" pays homage to a classic symbol of Las Vegas: showgirls. From the opening song-and-dance act about "Hundreds of Girls" through the grand finale, "Jubilee!'s" showgirls will leave you stunned with their fantastic costumes - of which there are more than 1,000, featuring 8,000 miles of sequins - and everything from contortion to acrobatics to stage theatrics. "Jubilee!" plays every night except Friday, at 7:30 and 10:30. There is one non-topless show at Saturday's 7:30 p.m. showing. Tickets start at $72.50.

You'll just have to clap your hands while **"Human Nature - The Ultimate Celebration of the Motown Sound"** brings back the catchy sounds of a time gone by, going through a catalog of Motown classics. See them Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Imperial Palace. Tickets start at $59.52.

Courtesy photo

Jubilee! celebrates the showgirl at Bally's nightly except Friday at 7:30 and 10:30 p.m.

Comedy

Self-described "Fluffy Man" comedian **Gabriel Iglesias** comes to the Monte Carlo this weekend, bringing his brand of stand-up, which includes parodies, characters, sound effects and other wacky acts. Iglesias performs Thursday through Saturday. Tickets start at $53.21.

David Spade brings his sharp wit to the Venetian Showroom Friday and Saturday, at 9 p.m. Spade, famous for his TV and film career, is a must-see for fans of classic "Saturday Night Live." And yes, he does have many jokes just for Las Vegas. Tickets are $85.75 and up.

George Wallace's hilarious commentary on everything from food, to shopping to TV has been making audiences laugh since 1977. You can watch Wallace at the Flamingo, every night except Sunday and Monday. Tickets start at $59.52.

It's a double dose of comedy as **Ray Romano** ("Everybody Loves Raymond") and **Kevin James** ("The King of Queens") bring the laughter to the Terry Fator Theatre in The Mirage, Saturday night at 10 p.m. Tickets start at $105.40.

Music

Collective Soul plays poolside at the Hard Rock Hotel this Saturday. These rockers, famous for "Shine" in the early '90s have found a new audience with newer Internet releases and their track on the "Twilight" soundtrack, start playing at 9 p.m., leaving plenty of time to grab a drink or relax by the pool. Tickets start at $34.50

The Pearl hosts the **Scissor Sisters**, bringing their glam-infused electro-pop from the New York scene all the way to Sin City. They play Friday at 8 p.m., with tickets starting at $31.50.

Sheryl Crow comes to The Joint at the Hard Rock Hotel on Saturday. Having just released her latest record, "100 Miles from Memphis," the Grammy-award winning singer-songwriter will be revisiting her most memorable and popular hits. Tickets start at $76.

Toad the Wet Sprocket entertains fans at the pool at Red Rock Casino, Resort and Spa Saturday at 9 p.m. Tickets are $22 and up.

Patti Labelle brings her classic R&B songs to Buffalo Bill's Star of the Desert Arena Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are priced from $52.20.

Creedence Clearwater Revisited is one of the most unique cover bands out there: they pretty much evolved out of the band they're covering, Creedence Clearwater Revival. Band members Stu Cook and Doug Clifford launched the Revisited project in 1995 to play live CCR hits. They play the Orleans Showroom Saturday and Sunday night at 8 p.m. Tickets start at $55.

Country fans are in luck this weekend. **Mark Chesnutt** plays at South Point Sept. 10 - 12 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $35 and up. **Gretchen Wilson** hits the Silverton Sept. 10 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $40. If it's classic country you like, **Willie Nelson** is at the Cannery Casino Hotel Sept. 11 at 8 p.m. Tickets are priced from $59.95.

Feel the "noize" with **Steel Panther**, Friday nights at The House of Blues, in Mandalay Bay and Saturday night at Ovation in Green Valley Ranch. This tribute to the sleazy glam-rock of the '80s is sure to rock you all night long. Steel Panther starts at 11:30 p.m. at House of Blues and midnight at Ovation. Both shows are free.

On Friday, September 10, catch favorite local band **The Spazmatics**. Performing top hits from the '80s and '90s, The Spazmatics perform every Friday night at Crown Nightclub at the Rio. Cover is $10 for ladies and $20 for men. Show time is 10:15 p.m.

Nightlife

Friday, September 10 is **"Passion Friday"** at Crown Nightclub at the Rio. Passion Friday gets started at 11:15 p.m. with a DJ spinning hip hop, Top 40 hits and Latin music. Cover is $10 for ladies and $20 for men.

General Growth Properties presents **"Fashion Night Out Pre-Party"** with Poleci along with special guest DJ Dimitri Vegas and Like Mike at Tao nightclub at the Venetian Sept. 9.

Deals

With new deals every week, now is the time to visit Las Vegas. Below is a sample of this week's hottest deals. Terms and conditions apply. For complete terms and conditions of these deals plus many more offers, visit www.vegas.com/deals/.

Encore 25% Off Your Stay

Book a stay for 2 nights or more, 60+ days in advance for Encore at Wynn Las Vegas between now and Oct. 28, 2010 for select stay dates between now and Dec. 28, 2010 and get 25% off your stay.

Flamingo 15% Off Your 3 Night Stay

Book a stay for 3 nights at Flamingo between now and Dec. 27, 2010 for select stay dates between now and March 3, 2011 and get 15% off your stay.

Paris Las Vegas Up to 25% Off Your Stay

Book a stay for 4 or more nights at Paris Las Vegas between now and Dec. 27, 2010, for select stay dates between now and March 3, 2011, and get up to 25% off your stay. Plus receive bonus offers at 7 Las Vegas resorts.

For the latest Vegas information and what's hot this weekend, watch the 'Vegas Minute' Thursday Morning Show and the 'Vegas Live' report every Thursday evening during KTLA Prime News.

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